UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

KARIM P. NAJJAR, et. al., individually and behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs.

v.

RIAD SALAMEH, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-05043-CPO-EAP

STIPULATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE, AND A BRIEFING SCHEDULE FOR, MOTIONS TO DISMISS THE FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Karim P. Najjar, Halim Abou-Faycal, Younes Bazzi, Jacques Fontaine, Mounir Jermany, Ibrahim Khreibani, Bechara Rizk, Samar Shami, Joseph Tleiji, Salim Tleiji and Ramzi Zibaoui ("Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of a proposed class of similarly situated persons, and Defendants BDO USA, P.C., Deloitte LLP, Deloitte & Touche LLP, and Ernst & Young U.S. LLP (collectively, "U.S. Defendants"), submit this joint stipulation, by and through their undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section II of the Court's Judicial Preferences, as follows:

- 1. WHEREAS, on September 13, 2024, the U.S. Defendants filed pre-motion letters in advance of their motions to dismiss the First Amended Class Action Complaint ("FAC") (ECF Nos. 6, 9, 11) pursuant to a Stipulation So Ordered by the Court on August 15, 2024 (ECF No. 5);
- 2. WHEREAS, on September 19, 2024, the Court issued a Text Order (ECF No. 14), stating in part that the Court "does not believe that a pre-motion conference would be productive at this time" and that "the parties may proceed with filing their proposed motion if they choose to do so";

- 3. WHEREAS, counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for the U.S. Defendants have conferred and agreed to: (i) an extension of the time within which the U.S. Defendants may file their motions to dismiss the FAC; and (ii) a briefing schedule for those motions;
- 4. WHEREAS, the U.S. Defendants preserve and have not waived any applicable defenses, including those pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b), such as for lack of jurisdiction;
 - 5. THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that:
 - a) The U.S. Defendants shall file their motions to dismiss the FAC on or before November 26, 2024.
 - b) Plaintiffs shall file their oppositions to the motions on or before <u>January 27</u>, 2025.
 - c) The U.S. Defendants shall file their replies in further support of their motions on or before February 25, 2025.

Christine l	P. O'Hearn,	U.S.D.J
Dated:		

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 25, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of September, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by CM/ECF to the parties registered to the Court's CM/ECF system.

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